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Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Cor 12:27 (ESV)

Prayer Wall

Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tell us that each one of us as believers in Jesus are members of Christ's very body. "So that you are not lacking in any gift." 1 Cor. 1:7a (ESV) We are equipped to serve Him because Jesus died for us. You may have heard the expression "I am a Christian who happens to be a pharmacist, not a pharmacist who happens to be a Christian!"

[Outreach Opportunities](#)

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International was incorporated 36 years ago in 1984 by our founder Dr. Warren E. Weaver, with eight charter members. (For more in-depth details of CPFI's history written by Dr. Weaver, please see "The History of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International" in [Christianity & Pharmacy](#) 1996, Vol 1 pp 5-9 at CPFI.org.) CPFI's activities grew from prayer breakfasts at the Virginia Pharmacists Association annual meetings to providing unique pharmacist continuing education (CE) by hosting our own annual meetings in 1988. Dr. Weaver wrote at the time, "For the first time in pharmacy, CE sessions were offered which integrated explicit and implicit Christian concerns and principals with professional subjects." This, along with *The Faith Script* newsletter and the initiation of CPFI's journal, *Christianity & Pharmacy*, expanded membership to 1000 pharmacists by 1995. As students attended or heard about CPFI, they began to ask about student chapters. Since 1996 student chapters has grown from eight to over eighty vibrant and growing chapters.

[Student Newsletter-Summer 2020](#)

More recently, student membership contributions to CPFI include annual meeting presentations, journal articles, national student newsletters, and a national student retreat that is held in conjunction with the CPFI annual meeting. Student chapter outreach programs have multiplied as a result of the "Hands and Feet" grant supported by CPFI member donations to the annual meeting "silent auction" providing \$500 grant awards.

I believe that the formation and birthing of CPFI was God ordained. One example is that our Lord has seen us through both good and bad economic times with generous gifts and donations. One area where we need your help is growing CPFI's membership. Our student pharmacist membership as of October 2019 was 444, which is great. However, we traditionally have a problem of students not transitioning to pharmacist membership after graduation. Our students are the life blood of CPFI, yet only a minority is transitioning to membership as a pharmacist. Student pharmacist members, will you prayerfully consider joining as a pharmacist member upon graduation?

Another disturbing trend has been pharmacist members not renewing their membership. The membership committee and Board of Directors have made calls to lapsed members with mixed results. Pharmacist members, will you prayerfully consider renewing your membership each year?

In these prophetic last days, we need to stick together in the faith and in the profession. The Gideons have a favorite verse, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." We need you. We need each other. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor 2:9

In closing, "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 23-26

Greg Carlson, Pharm.D.
CPFI Vice President and Membership Committee Chair

Check out CPFI's new mentorship program established by the National Student Council!

Click here to learn more and sign up by October 15th!

CPFI's Prayer Ministry

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. In August, we began meeting monthly on the 1st Sunday of the month. We've been having around 12 participants. We want to give other members a chance to join us. If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us September 6 for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Past President

2020 Online Global Missions Health Conference

November 13 to 14, 2020

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Be sure to check out the CPFI exhibit booth in the virtual exhibit hall and plan to attend our Meet & Greet on Friday, November 13th from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. The CPFI Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2020. If you would like to sit in on the Board meeting, please send an e-mail to office@cpfi.org.

Save the Dates!

May 26 to May 30, 2021

CPFI 2021 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Theme: *Declaring God's Glory Through Pharmacy*
Matthew 17:20

Promo Video



DoubleTree Resort by Hilton
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